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Mr. Roger Smith
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Fort Dix, NJ 08640

Dear Roger:

On June16, 2004, I attempted to conduct an aerial detection survey for gypsy moth-caused tree defoliation at Fort Dix. Due to flight range operations at Fort Dix, I was unable to conduct this survey. Based on observations made at nearby Lakehurst NAS and other sites in your area, it is very unlikely that any gypsy moth defoliation occurred at your site in 2004.

However, if you anticipate requesting either financial or technical assistance for gypsy moth control in 2005, please contact Brad Onken (304) 285-1546 or me (304) 285-1555 before August 27, 2004.

I have also enclosed a pest alert on the emerald ash borer, *Agrilus planipennis*. This exotic beetle feeds on various species of ash and is a major threat to the ash resource of the region. Emerald ash borer has been detected in areas of Ohio, Michigan, Virginia and Maryland. The two most common ways of spreading emerald ash borer is through the movement of infested nursery stock or through the movement of infested fire wood. Additional information on emerald ash borer can be found at www.na.fs.fed.us/spfo/eab .

Please contact me at the above number if you have any questions regarding this acrial survcy letter or emerald ash borer.

Sincerely,

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Forester
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Enclosure

Cc: Noel Schneeberger, AO